

# BOOKS IN BROOKLYN HOMES.

Many Collections of Rare Tomes in the City of Churches.

Features of the Libraries and Hobbies of the Collectors.

Brooklyn is essentially a literary city. Indeed, there are very few, if any, cities in the United States where the people as a class are better informed on general subjects than those who dwell in the City of Churches.

There are numerous public libraries in the city, and nearly every thinking man has a few choice books he can call his own. There are hundreds of such collections, too, large enough to be called libraries. They range in size from a few score volumes to the extensive collections of rare tomes that are cherished by persons well known in literary circles the world over.

Some of these libraries have been collected with great care, and contain volumes worth their weight in gold.

None of the Rare Collections.

Among the finest book collections in the city may be mentioned that of Charles E. West. It numbers over the neighborhood of 20,000 volumes, and is quite general in its character.

The works of an extraordinary mathematician, of medieval and modern times are represented, and there are valuable works in the fields of natural history, astrology and other branches of science, while philology is a distinctive feature. All Mr. West's books are superbly bound.

The Gordon L. Ford collection now numbers approximately 50,000 volumes. It, too, is general in its collection, being especially strong in works touching on American history and in political science.

The library of Daniel M. Treadwell contains a valuable collection of books on anthropology and kindred subjects.

Spencer Turner has a valuable library of general literature, comprising some 2,000 volumes, chiefly valuable for essays on political science, while works on chess playing form a strong part of it.

The most valuable collection of works on chess in this country, it is owned by Charles A. Gilberg, President of the Brooklyn Chess Club.

James A. H. Bell possesses an elaborate collection of some 12,000 volumes of science, literature and kindred subjects. Among the number are several volumes exceedingly rare and regarded as almost priceless by book collectors.

Special and General Features.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Behrens owns a library of some 3,000 choice books. They are of a practical character, and the most part of it is regarded as a very superior collection of theological works. It is especially strong in English and German commentaries and systematic historical theology.

George P. Elliott owns a fine general library. In it may be found the writings of all the leading jurists of the past ages.

The library of the late S. B. Duryea, the starch king, now forms a part of his widow's estate. It is mainly valuable for works on architecture and art together with rare old manuscripts. It numbers several thousand volumes.

The collection owned by Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pope, is considered by many to be one of the finest in this country in point of bindings. It is a valuable aggregation of the works of the great writers of literature.

John Pierce has made the works and writings of Hawthorne the object of his research, and has been able to gratify his taste in this line.

Gilbert H. Hays owns many rare dramatic works.

William Matthews has a library of fine editions of the works of Shakespeare.

Ex-Mayor Alfred C. Chapin has collected some 500 volumes on English and American history and kindred subjects.

William A. White has been partial to encyclopedias. His library is also strong in encyclopedias.

Ex-Lieutenant E. G. Blackford has a superb collection of works on sea culture and general science.

The libraries of Charles B. Norton and James C. Crankshaw are extensive in scope and excellent in quality.

Some of the rarest collections.

Among medical men very complete collections of valuable books can be found in the libraries of Dr. George R. Powell, Dr. J. C. Hunt, Dr. J. H. Hays, Dr. J. C. Grey and Dr. J. A. J. Shelden.

Dr. H. H. Hall has some 2,000 volumes on anatomy and kindred subjects.

Rev. John W. Chadwick has a collection of several thousand volumes on general subjects.

Lawrence Kehoe has a very extensive Catholic library of about 3,000 volumes.

Thomas G. Shearman, the well-known tariff-reformer, has gathered a great many ideas from his very large library of works on economics, political and social science.

Rev. John W. Chadwick has a theological and general library of 5,000 volumes.

Andrew J. Provost owns an interesting collection of Masonic literature.

Among other book collections in Brooklyn of value may be mentioned those owned by Bernard Peters, Dr. W. H. Talmage, Mayor Boody, Charles C. Martin, Dr. C. N. Houghton, John B. Seabury, Charles H. Pratt, Dr. J. H. Backus, William C. Wallace, Rev. J. O. Wilson, Dr. R. E. Meredith, J. S. T. Stranahan, George H. Woodford, Gen. C. T. Christensen, Joshua Van Cort, W. W. Kenyon and John W. Greater.

FLATEUSH LANDMARK SOLD.

A. E. Steers Bought the Old Lott Mansion for \$6,000.

Lott mansion on Flatbush avenue was sold today to A. E. Steers, of Flatbush, for \$6,000.

The house was built over one hundred years ago and originally was the residence of a branch of the celebrated Lott family. The fence in front of the premises was the work of the famous architect John Oakley, the present Assistant United States District Attorney.

The house is one of the oldest landmarks in Flatbush.

IT DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH.

The usual bowl medicine, time, it cleans out your system, in a more or less pleasant way.

You're left to yourself again, when that is over.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets go farther, give better help, do more good. They have a tonic or strengthening effect on the lining membranes of the intestines. This assists and increases the natural action of the bowels. By this means, they permanently cure Constipation, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Dizziness, Sick or Bilious Headaches, and every like disorder.

They're tiny, sugar-coated granules, a compound of refined and concentrated vegetable extracts—the smallest, the easiest to take, and the easiest in the way they act.

They're guaranteed to give satisfaction, in every case, or your money is returned.

No matter how bad your Catarrh, Dr. Bagg's Remedy permanently cures you.

## TROLLEY ACROSS THE PLAZA.

Horses Must Be Used During Certain Hours.

Commissioner Brower and Brooklyn Railroad Compromise.

The long and bitter fight between the Brooklyn trolley lines and the Park Commissioner has at last been settled by a compromise. The Brooklyn City and Coney Island Railroad Companies have been trying for months to get permission to string trolley wires across the Prospect Park plaza. Even the courts were invoked in behalf of the railroad.

Commissioner Brower has decided to allow the companies to string their wires under certain conditions. Horses must be used on the cars crossing the plaza between 4 and 7 P. M. in winter, and 3 to 5 P. M. in summer. Flagrmen must be posted at frequent intervals along the tracks during the hours when the cars are run by electric power.

DELFINO TAKES THE STAND.

Progress of His Trial for Killing Mrs. Gesell in Brooklyn.

The trial of John Delfino for killing Mrs. Caroline Gesell, at 447 De Graw street, Brooklyn, on Dec. 27, was continued before Judge Cullen and a jury in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Brooklyn, this morning.

The case was opened for the defense, and the first witness was Maria Delfino, the wife of the prisoner.

She swore as to the good character of her husband, of his good habits and his kindness to his family.

Detective Sergeant Rorke, of the Third Precinct, Brooklyn, also testified as to Delfino's good character.

Maria Delfino, mother of the defendant, told the jury that her boy had always been a good son to her.

Delfino was then called in his own behalf. He said he was twenty-seven years old and made his living at fortune-telling, with the aid of several little birds, known as parakeets. In the summer, he also worked as a barber.

Delfino told how he called on Joseph Foster, in the afternoon of Dec. 27. He said that he came to Mrs. Gesell's house with Foster.

They were admitted by Mrs. Gesell. They drank a quart of beer between them, and all shook hands with Gesell when he came in. They then had supper.

During the supper Delfino had taken out his revolver and showed it to the family.

When Delfino got up to go home he picked up his overcoat, but could not find the key. He then went to the door and dropped out of the coat and went off.

He heard some one cry out, "I'm shot!"

The case is still on.

TURNED OUT IN THE NIGHT.

Six Italian Families Move Their Belongings to the Sidewalk.

Fire Marston Lewis, of Brooklyn, is today investigating the fire which destroyed a large quantity of wool in the wool packing-house adjoining the slaughter-house of Aaron Levy, at 222 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, last night.

Mr. Levy is unable to account for the origin of the fire except on the theory that a spark from an engine on the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad, which passes the door, was blown into the building and started the blaze.

The building is a four-story structure, strictly built. The upper floors were stored with wool and the lower floor with hides. The entire stock is valued at \$40,000. The flames were discovered at 11 o'clock.

When the flames reached the scene the entire third floor was ablaze. The firemen had hard work getting the blaze under control. It is believed that the fire was started by a spark from the elevated railroad tracks.

In the rear of the building, there is a tenement-house occupied by half a dozen families. Many of them moved their furniture out upon the sidewalk and refused to return to their homes until long after the fire was extinguished.

Three alarms brought a dozen engines to the scene, and for a few minutes it looked as if the entire building was doomed. After an hour's work, however, the flames were under control and the fire was extinguished.

The damage to the building can be repaired for \$20,000, the loss on the stock was about \$20,000, principally by water.

ROBBED HER EMPLOYER'S TILL.

Rosa Trevench Says She Gave the Money to Her Lover.

Rosa Trevench was held for trial in the Rosa Avenue Court, Williamsburg, today, on a charge of larceny.

She had been employed as a domestic by Charles L. Ferdinand, cigar-maker, at 24 Second street, and had been stealing from him for some time.

Charles entered his employ by her as being missing money from the till of his store.

Last night Detectives Holland and Dolan caught Rosa in the act. Some marked coins were also found in her pocket.

She confessed her guilt to justice, and today said she had taken from her employer \$150 every year since she had been employed by him. All of the money, she claimed, was given to her lover, whose name she refused to divulge. She said she had brought him to New York six months ago and supported him since.

WANTS TO EXTEND ITS ROAD.

South Brooklyn Tunnel Company Asks for More Privileges.

Application was made by the South Brooklyn Tunnel Railroad Company to Justice Bartlett, in the Circuit Court, Brooklyn, this morning for permission to extend its lines through certain lands and streets in the towns of Flatbush and New Utrecht.

The company was opposed by James C. Church, who said the Company realized the fact that these towns were about to be annexed to New York City, and that the tunnel was a project now that it could not get them.

Bartlett took the matter under advisement.

Druggists for a Wrecked Carriage.

EWARK, N. J., April 7.—A sealed verdict for \$10,000 was returned last night for a carriage wrecked by the jury in a suit against the Newark Passenger Carriage Company, which is a New York business man.

He wanted \$10,000 for damages to his carriage in a collision with an electric car on Feb. 18, 1892.

Gave His Tailor a Bad Check.

NEWARK, N. J., April 7.—G. Wilford Taylor, claiming to be an agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, is held here on a charge of passing a bogus check for \$20 on Taylor & Davis, of 797 Broadway street.

## FAINTED WHEN ACCUSED. BROKER COBB TAKEN IN.

Clever Work of the Colonnade Hotel Faro Dealers.

Unconscious for an Hour After Being Accused.

When Charles Grouse, who is lying seriously ill at his home, 1228 Herkimer street, Brooklyn, recovers he will be arrested on a charge of larceny.

Grouse was employed in the linen department of Henry Butterman's dry-goods store at Broadway and Flushing avenue, Williamsburg. For a long time Supp. Meyer has been under the impression that somebody was falsifying the cash returns or stealing goods.

Detective George Hastings, who is employed at the store, was put on the case and after some fruitless searching, the theft was traced to Grouse.

The detective sent a friend yesterday to purchase some goods from Grouse and had him pay over one dollar bill and a silver 10-cent piece, both of which were marked. Grouse made out a check for \$1 and sent it to the bill to the desk, retaining the half dollar.

Last evening Grouse was summoned into the superintendent's office, and when confronted with the evidences of his guilt fell into a dead faint. An ambulance was summoned, and Ambulance surgeon Dixon, after treating the man, took him to his home.

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## D. Altman & Co.

To-Morrow, Saturday.

Boys' Clothing

SCHOOL SUITS, \$3.85, 4.75, and 5.50.

SPRING REEFERS (Blue Serge), \$3.90, 5.00.

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Corduroy and Blue Flannel Pants at 95c.

18th St., 19th St. and Sixth Ave.

SIGHTED THE STEAMER HEKLA.

The Captain of the Veendam Brings Cheering News.

Leut. Fritzsche, of the Norwegian Navy, on Board.

The grave anxiety which was beginning to be felt for the safety of the Thinsvall line's over-sea steamship Hecla, has been greatly relieved by the news received from the Netherlands line steamer Veendam, which reached New York last evening, and has reported that the Hecla was safely on her way.

The captain of the Veendam reported that on April 4 he passed a three-masted steamer, with a yellow funnel, bound westward. She showed no signals, and was some distance away. At the office of the Thinsvall line it was said that there is little doubt but that the vessel was the Hecla.

The place where the Veendam sighted the disabled steamer was in latitude 43.30, longitude 60.58. When the Hecla was first sighted by the Normanna on March 27, she was in latitude 43.29, longitude 60.58. This fact would seem to prove that the theory of the agents that the Hecla had another mishap to her machinery, and was following a more southerly course under greatly reduced speed, is the correct one.

Simon Halpern, who was arrested yesterday for having encountered stormy weather, and is therefore referred to as "the Hecla man," was seen by the Veendam on her way to New York. He was seen by the Veendam on her way to New York. He was seen by the Veendam on her way to New York.

A large number of the friends of the passengers on board the Hecla called at the office of the Thinsvall line, and were told that the vessel was safely on her way.

The report that the Hecla might possibly be lost, had been given by a representative of A. E. Johnson & Co., her agents, today.

Simon Halpern was the first witness this morning. He said he had no other desire than that Sophie should be placed in the hands of the authorities, and that she should not suffer.

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